

REMARKS

Claims 4-8 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification and claims 4 and 6 are amended. The amendments introduce no new matter. Further, claims 1-3 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited in those claims.

Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 4-8 contain allowable subject matter.

I. Objection to the Specification

The Office Action asserts that paragraph 22 on page 8 discloses "the probe 1." It was suggested that this be changed to --the probe 10--. The specification has been amended consistent with the Examiner's suggestion. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Office Action rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Archibald '022 (U.S. Patent No. 6,245,022) in view of Asmar '107 (U.S. Patent No. 4,469,107). Claim 1 has been canceled by this Amendment. Rejection of claim 1 is moot.

The Office Action rejects claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Archibald in view of Asmar. Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled by this Amendment. The rejection of claims 2 and 3 is moot.

III. Objection to the Claims

Claims 4-8 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 4 and 6 have been amended to be independent claims, to include all the limitations and features of canceled claim 1. Withdrawal of the objections to claims 4-8 is respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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